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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the forty-eighth regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1 and 2, annexes I, II and IV-VIII).

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

4. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", which reads, inter alia, as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "1. Decides that the Main Committees of the General Assembly shall be as follows:
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> (a) Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee);
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> (b) Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);
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> (c) Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee);
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> (d) Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee);
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> (e) Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee);
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> (f) Legal Committee (Sixth Committee);
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> "4. Recommends that, pending further consideration of the revitalization process, the agenda items at present allocated to the Special Political Committee and to the Fourth Committee be allocated to the new Special Political and Decolonization Committee at the forty-eighth session;"

The above changes are reflected in the present document under the relevant headings.

5. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the statement he made at the 71st meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 26 August 1993, regarding the current financial situation of the United Nations and the need to introduce certain measures affecting conference services (see A/C.5/47/SR.71). The measures concerning the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly are reflected in the present document under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

6. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VI, paras. 1 and 2), Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4) and the annex to resolution 45/45 (ibid., annex VIII, para. 3) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

B. Rationalization of work

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

8. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, as reflected in the progress reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Assembly (A/45/226). The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the Committee's attention to Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat, resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 4 above). The Secretary-General further wishes to draw the attention of the Committee to his statement to the Fifth Committee on 26 August 1993.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

9. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that meetings requiring services to be held at Headquarters will be limited to those that can be serviced within the regular personnel establishment. This will allow no more than 63 meetings a week with services; 10 meetings per week will be kept for the Security Council and 53 meetings for the General Assembly. There will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. It is essential that available conference services should be utilized to the full.

10. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

C. Closing date of the session

11. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly should fix a closing date for the forty-eighth session. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the forty-eighth session should recess not later than Tuesday, 21 December 1993, and close on Monday, 19 September 1994. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that all the Main Committees should start their work as soon as possible and make every effort to complete their work by Friday, 3 December 1993.

D. Schedule of meetings

12. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with established practice, morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-eighth session. The Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to the fact that services will not be available beyond 6 p.m. for week-day meetings of the Assembly - plenary meetings and Main Committees - as well as for meetings on week-ends. These measures will not apply to plenary meetings during the general debate.

13. The General Committee may also wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive, in view of the practice at recent sessions, the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

14. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

E. General debate

15. In accordance with recent practice, the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 27 September, and end on Thursday, 14 October 1993.

16. The Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 29 September, at 6 p.m.

17. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall itself after a speech had been delivered was prohibited. In this connection, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, should leave the General Assembly Hall through room GA-200 located behind the podium before returning to their seats.

F. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

18. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
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> "8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

19. The Secretary-General wishes to suggest that, in line with time-limits for explanation of vote and right of reply, the General Committee recommend to the General Assembly limiting points of order to five minutes.

20. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

G. Records of meetings

21. Verbatim records will be provided during the forty-eighth session for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and summary records will be provided for the meetings of the General Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly.

22. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the forty-eighth session.

H. Seating arrangements

23. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Turkmenistan. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

I. Concluding statements

24. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Resolutions

25. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

26. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

27. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII).

28. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly exercise maximum restraint in making requests or proposals that may incur additional expenditure for the Organization.

K. Documentation

29. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

30. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize once again that, despite the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation.

31. In view of the current grave financial crisis facing the United Nations, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that only two copies of official documents will be distributed to permanent missions and that the practice of simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages will be modified. As working languages of the Secretariat, the English and French versions of pre-session documents will be issued simultaneously. Documents in the other language versions will be issued later, if they are not ready at the same time. Draft resolutions and decisions and the reports of the Main Committees will continue to be distributed simultaneously in all languages.

L. Questions related to the programme budget

32. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

> "Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

33. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
>
> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order

to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

34. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, experience has shown that, depending on the type and complexity of the proposals involving changes in the work-programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before the latter can be acted on by the Assembly.

35. It is thus desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme-budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

M. Observances and commemorative meetings

36. Observances and commemorative meetings held in plenary meeting have for the most part followed a well-defined pattern. Considering past practice and allowing for the necessary flexibility, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly should adopt the following format for commemorative meetings: statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, statements by the chairmen of the five regional groups and by the representative of the host country. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that, according to established practice, each statement should be limited to 15 minutes.

37. It is further suggested that observances and commemorative meetings take place, as far as possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the Assembly's work.

N. Special conferences

38. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

"(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

39. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

III. OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

40. The agenda of the General Assembly reflects the concern of Member States with a myriad of issues spanning political, economic, social and financial fields. The growing complexity of many global issues and their increasingly interdisciplinary nature pose a challenge to the Organization's ability to respond swiftly.

41. The General Assembly is faced with many items that require timely and purposeful consideration, often under stringent deadlines. It is therefore imperative that it continue to improve its operating procedures so as to organize its work effectively and make optimum use of the time available.

42. During the past few years, the General Assembly has met frequently between January and August. Most recently, during its forty-seventh session, the Assembly met every month from January to September. These meetings, with the exception of those related to items of the First Committee, were not envisaged in the calendar of meetings and therefore ad hoc arrangements had to be made to continue to provide adequate Secretariat services at the expense of other requirements. It may be worthwhile for the Assembly to consider whether the rationalization of Assembly meetings between January and August is possible to allow advance planning for delegations and the Secretariat.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

43. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the forty-eighth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session (A/48/150 and Corr.1);

(b) Supplementary list (A/48/200);

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item (A/48/231).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 45 below.

44. Bearing in mind the need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "4. The agenda of the General Assembly should be simplified by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and, where it is appropriate for discussion of a particular item, by setting an interval of more than a year between the discussions on it. For this purpose, the Chairman of the Main Committee concerned or, as appropriate, the President of the General Assembly should undertake consultations with delegations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work. In particular, the Main Committees should consider:

(a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;

(b) The staggering of items over two or more years.

45. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 43 and 44 above, the draft agenda of the forty-eighth session would consist of the following items: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10). 3/

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/48/150 and Corr.1);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/48/200);

(A.): additional item (A/48/231).

3/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-seventh session (decision 47/467 of 23 December 1992).

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

(c) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (P.20).

21. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.21).

22. University for Peace (P.22).

23. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (P.23).

24. United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.24).

25. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.25).

26. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.27).

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.29).

30. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.30).

31. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.31). 4/

32. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (P.32).

33. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.33). 3/

34. The situation in the Middle East (P.34). 3/

35. Question of Palestine (P.35). 3/

36. Law of the sea (P.36).

37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.37).

38. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.38).

39. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.39).

4/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-seventh session (see A/47/PV.100).

40. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.40). 3/

41. Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (P.41).

42. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.42). 3/

43. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.43).

44. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (P.44).

45. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (P.45).

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.46).

47. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (P.47).

48. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.48).

49. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.49). 3/

50. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.50).

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52. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.52). 5/

53. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.53).

54. Question of Cyprus (P.54). 5/

55. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.55). 5/

5/ This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, remains on the agenda of that session (decision 47/467 of 23 December 1992). Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-seventh session.

56. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.56). 6/

57. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (P.57).

58. Reduction of military budgets (P.58):

    (a) Reduction of military budgets;

    (b) Transparency of military expenditures.

59. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements (P.59).

60. Education and information for disarmament (P.60).

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69. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.69).

70. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.70).

71. General and complete disarmament (P.71):

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

6/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-seventh session (see A/47/PV.107).

(c) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Transparency in armaments;

(h) International arms transfers;

(i) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

72. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.72):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(d) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

73. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.73):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

74. Israeli nuclear armament (P.74).

75. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.75).

76. Question of Antarctica (P.76).

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78. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.78).

79. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.79).

80. Maintenance of international security (P.80).

81. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.81).

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92. Development and international economic cooperation (P.92):

    (a) Trade and development;

    (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

    (c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

(e) Environment;

(f) Desertification and drought;

(g) Human settlements;

(h) Science and technology for development;

(i) Entrepreneurship;

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93. External debt crisis and development (P.93).

94. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.94).

95. Operational activities for development (P.95):

(a) United Nations Development Programme;

(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(c) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

(d) United Nations Volunteers programme.

96. International cooperation for economic growth and development (P.96):

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

97. International Conference on Population and Development (P.97).

98. International conference on the financing of development (P.98).

99. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (P.99).

100. Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.100):

(a) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;

(b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

101. Special programmes of economic assistance (P.101).

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111. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.111).

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115. Human rights questions (P.115):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

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116. Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia (P.116).

117. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.117).

118. Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.118).

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121. Question of East Timor (P.121).

122. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.122):

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

123. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.123). 7/

124. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (P.124).

125. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (P.125).

126. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (P.126). 8/

127. Joint Inspection Unit (P.127).

128. Pattern of conferences (P.128).

7/ This item remains also in the agenda of the forty-seventh session (see A/47/PV.102).

8/ By its resolution 47/215, the General Assembly decided that the items entitled "Current financial crisis of the United Nations" and "Financial emergency of the United Nations", which are still before it at its forty-seventh session, would be considered in the future under one item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations".

129. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.129). 9/

130. United Nations common system (P.130).

131. United Nations pension system (P.131).

132. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.132): 3/

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

133. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (P.133).

134. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.134):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

135. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.135).

136. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (P.136).

137. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (P.137).

138. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force (P.138).

139. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) (P.139).

140. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.140):

(a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

(b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 (S.2).

141. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (P.141).

142. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (P.142).

9/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-seventh session (see A/47/PV.105).

143. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (P.143).

144. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.144).

145. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-fifth session (P.145).

146. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-sixth session (P.146).

147. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.147).

148. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.148).

149. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (P.149).

150. Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (P.150).

151. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (P.151).

152. Observer status for the Economic Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (P.152).

153. United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation (P.153).

154. Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice (P.154).

155. Observer status for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the General Assembly (P.155).

156. United Nations interim offices (P.156).

157. Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy (P.157).

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159. Assistance in mine clearance (S.3).

160. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (S.4).

161. Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly (S.5).

162. Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly (A.1).

163. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993).

164. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993).

V. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

46. The allocation of items described in paragraph 58 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years, with the exception of the items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). In accordance with paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 47/233, the items which were previously allocated to the former Special Political Committee and to the former Fourth Committee have been allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (see para. 4 above). The Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

47. The following items and sub-item (b) of item 140 of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

140. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.140):

...

(b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 (S.2).

152. Observer status for the Economic Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (P.152).

153. United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation (P.153).

154. Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice (P.154).

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161. Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly (S.5).

162. Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly (A.1).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of the following items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

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Item 153 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 154 ..... Sixth Committee

Item 155 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 156	Plenary meetings
Item 157	Plenary meetings
Item 158	Plenary meetings
Item 159	Plenary meetings
Item 160	First Committee
Item 161	Plenary meetings
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48. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 10/

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings and Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	High-level segment of the Council	Third Committee
Chapter III	Coordination segment of the Council	Plenary meetings and Second Committee
Chapter IV	Operational activities segment of the Council	Second Committee
Chapter V	Other questions considered in plenary meeting	
Section A	Coordination questions	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section B	Programme and related questions	Fifth Committee

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	Section C	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Plenary meetings and Second and Third Committees
	Section D	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	Second Committee
	Section E	Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster	Second Committee
	Section F	Sustainable development	Second Committee
	Section G	Non-governmental organizations	Second Committee
	Section H	United Nations University	Second Committee
	Section I	Statistical and cartographic questions	Second Committee
	Section J	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
Chapter VI		Questions considered by the Economic Committee	Second Committee
Chapter VII		Questions considered by the Social Committee	Third Committee
Chapter VIII		Elections and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council, confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions and nominations ...	Plenary meetings
Chapter IX		Organizational and other matters	Plenary meetings and Second, Third and Fifth Committees

49. With regard to item 18 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/48/23) relating to specific Territories, following the practice at previous sessions of referring those chapters to the former Fourth Committee; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

50. With regard to item 20 of the draft agenda (Forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and item 115 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human

rights and fundamental freedoms), the Secretary-General wishes to recall decision 47/429 of 18 December 1992 entitled "Award of human rights prizes in 1993", whereby the General Assembly "decided to request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the award of human rights prizes in 1993, as envisaged in recommendation C of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2217 A (XXI)". The General Committee may wish to recommend that the award ceremony should be held on Friday, 10 December 1993, on the occasion of the celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

51. In connection with item 38 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the former Special Political Committee.

52. With regard to item 46 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the former Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

53. With regard to item 54 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 11/ the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the former Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Committee.

54. In connection with item 71 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/48/341), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 71.

55. In connection with item 112 of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

11/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

"16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 95 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

56. With regard to item 113 of the draft agenda (International drug control), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 1 of resolution 47/99 of 16 December 1992 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia, decided "to hold four plenary meetings, at a high level, at its forty-eighth session, to examine urgently the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances". The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the plenary meetings should be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 26 and 27 October 1993.

57. In connection with item 127 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

58. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 46 to 57 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda as based on previous practice, would be the following: 12/

12/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 2.

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1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

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11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III, V (section C), VIII and IX] (P.12). 13/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

13/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and IX	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter III	Second Committee
(c)	Chapter V (section C)	Second and Third Committees

For further details, see para. 48.

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 14/

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

(c) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17): 15/

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18). 16/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (P.20). 17/

21. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.21).

22. University for Peace (P.22).

14/ See para. 54.

15/ For sub-items (a) to (f), see "Fifth Committee", item 24.

16/ See para. 49.

17/ See para. 50.

23. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (P.23).

24. United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.24).

25. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.25).

26. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.27).

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.29).

30. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.30).

31. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.31). 4/

32. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (P.32).

33. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.33). 3/

34. The situation in the Middle East (P.34). 3/

35. Question of Palestine (P.35). 3/

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38. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.38). 18/

39. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.39).

40. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.40). 3/

41. Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (P.41).

18/ See para. 51.

42. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.42). 3/

43. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.43).

44. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (P.44).

45. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (P.45).

46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.46). 19/

47. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (P.47).

48. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.48).

49. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.49). 3/

50. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.50).

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53. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.53).

54. Question of Cyprus (P.54). 20/

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56. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.56). 6/

19/ See para. 52.

20/ See para. 53. See also footnote 5.

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2. Reduction of military budgets (P.58):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

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4. Education and information for disarmament (P.60).

5. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.61).

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   (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

21/ See para. 54.

(c) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Transparency in armament;

(h) International arms transfer;

(i) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

16. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.72):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(d) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

17. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.73):

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18. Israeli nuclear armament (P.74).

19. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.75).

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12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.119).

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter V (section A)] (P.12). 22/

14. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.120).

22/ Chapter V (section A) would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees. For further details, see para. 48.

15. Question of East Timor (P.121).

16. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18). 23/

23/ See para. 49.

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   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

   (c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

   (d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

   (e) Environment;

   (f) Desertification and drought;

   (g) Human settlements;

   (h) Science and technology for development;

   (i) Entrepreneurship;

   (j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

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(a)	Chapters I and IX	Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter III	Plenary meetings
(c)	Chapter V (section A)	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Third and Fifth Committees
(d)	Chapter V (section C)	Plenary meetings and Third Committee

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   (c) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

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   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

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   (b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

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26/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and IX	Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter V (section A)	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapter V (section C)	Plenary meetings and Second Committee

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27/ See para. 55.

28/ See para. 56.

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    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

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(a)	Chapters I and IX	Plenary meetings and Second and Third Committees
(b)	Chapter V (section A)	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second and Third Committees

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32/ For sub-items (g) to (i), see "Plenary meetings", item 17.

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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The following should be added to the Secretary-General's memorandum of 15 September 1993 (A/BUR/48/1):

1. Page 10

Insert the following under section II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION:

O. Meetings of subsidiary organs

39a. In accordance with section 1, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a letter dated 20 September 1993 (A/48/417) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that the Committee had recommended, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the forty-eighth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(c) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(d) Committee on Conferences;

(e) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(f) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(g) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

(h) Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa;

(i) Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations;

(j) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(k) Special Committee to Select the Winners of the United Nations Human Rights Prize;

(l) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

2. Page 11

Paragraph 43 (c) should read

(c) Requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/48/231, A/48/232).

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The last line of footnote 2/ should read

(A.): additional items (A/48/231, A/48/232).

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After item 164, insert

165. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (A.2).

5. Page 25

After item 162, insert

165. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (A.2).

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After item 162, insert

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7. Page 28

After paragraph 54, insert

54a. With regard to item 110 of the draft agenda (Social Development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 14 of resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993, in which the General Assembly decided "to devote one of its plenary meetings at its forty-eighth session, in early December 1993, to launching the International Year of the Family". The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the launching of the Year should be held on Tuesday, 7 December, in the morning.